

National Water Quality Monitoring Council

Purpose: Provide national forum for coordination of methods & strategies to improve wq monitoring, assessment & reporting. Promote partnerships - foster collaboration, advance science, & improve mgt within monitoring community.

- **Coordination, Communication, Collaboration**

- **Mission** - "...build partnerships that foster collaboration...by **supporting development of state and regional monitoring councils...**"



Potential Benefits of National Council & State/Regional Council Interactions

- Information Exchange and fostering partnerships re: **national tools/initiatives**:
 - NEMI (Nat'l Environmental Monitoring Index)
 - Proposed Nat'l Water Monitoring Networks – e.g., Coastal Waters & Tribes, Nat'l GW Monitoring Network
 - National Water Monitoring Conference
 - NEST (Nat'l Environmental Status & Trends – water indicators)

Potential Benefits (cont)

- **Information Exchange Among Monitoring Councils:**
 - Membership and operations
 - Support and funding
 - Monitoring conferences
 - Data exchange
 - Building partnerships and leveraging resources
 - Building constituencies for water information use in managing water resources